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1. AUFENKAMP REQUESTS THAT FOLLOWING LETTER BE TRANSMITTED
TO PROFESSOR V. V. SHURAKOV WITH COPIES TO RAMEYEV AND
ZARODOV.

2. 01.0104 - DECEMBER 2, 1976

PROFESSOR V. V. SHURAKOV

RECTOR, MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS

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MOSCOW

DEAR PROFESSOR SHURAKOV:

WE REGRET VERY MUCH THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE
DECEMBER VISIT TO THE U.S. OF THE SOVIET EXPERTS ON
THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR SOFTWARE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR
PROPOSAL TO RESCHEDULE VISIT IN JANUARY.

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WE HAVE EXPLORED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES ON OUR SIDE FOR

RESCHEDULING THE MEETINGS TO MAKE THEM AS USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE. WE PROPOSE THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION COME TO THE U.S. FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 13-27, 1977. THIS PERIOD WOULD BE ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE IN THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND A SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON LARGE DATA SETS IN DALLAS, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 23-24. WE BELIEVE THIS MEETING WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN BRINGING TOGETHER MANY AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD WITH THE SOVIET SPECIALISTS. IN ADDITION TO THIS CONFERENCE, MEETINGS WOULD ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH THE OTHER SUBTOPIC COORDINATORS OF TOPIC 4 AS WAS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER VISIT.

IN ORDER FOR THE U.S. SIDE TO ARRANGE PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATION IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE RECEIVE CONFIRMATION AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE THAT THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET SIDE.

THE PROTOCOL THAT WAS SIGNED BY US IN MOSCOW ON JULY 8, 1976, STATED THAT DURING THE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1976 PERIOD, WORK PLANS WOULD BE EXCHANGED CONCERNING PROJECT 2 ON STATISTICAL SOFTWARE AND THAT TWO SOVIET EXPERTS SHOULD VISIT THE U.S. IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1977. THIS PROJECT WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROCEED DIRECTLY WITH THIS WORK AND PROPOSE THAT TWO SOVIET EXPERTS ON STATISTICAL ANALYSIS VISIT THE U.S. FOR ONE MONTH STARTING IN JANUARY 1977 FOR JOINT RESEARCH. THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS PROPOSED ARE 1, 2 AND 4 UNDER PROJECT 2 IN THE JULY 1976 PROTOCOL:

1. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS INCLUDING INTERACTIVE GRAPHICAL METHODS.
2. DISTRIBUTIONS OF STATISTICS RELATED TO PROBLEMS WITH HIGH DIMENSIONS AND SMALL SAMPLES.

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4. ROBUST PROCEDURES IN REGRESSION ANALYSIS.

THE RESEARCH WOULD BE CARRIED ON PRIMARILY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES WITH BRIEF VISITS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS. WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE SOVIET STATISTICAL SPECIALISTS AT ANY TIME IN JANUARY AND BELIEVE THIS JOINT RESEARCH WOULD BE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEETING OF THE COORDINATORS IN FEBRUARY. SUBJECT

TO AN ACCORD BY THE WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN, WE ARE
PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS ON A
RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS.

IN OCTOBER DR. AUFENKAMP LEFT A REVISED DRAFT OF THE
GLOSSARY OF TERMS IN STATISTICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH
DR. RAMEYEV. WE ARE WAITING FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS
VERSION IN ORDER THAT ANY NECESSARY CHANGES CAN BE MADE
PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. THE GLOSSARY IS A CONCRETE
PRODUCT OF OUR COOPERATION AND WE BELIEVE YOU WILL AGREE
THAT ITS EARLY PUBLICATION IS MOST DESIRABLE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY TO THIS LETTER.

SINCERELY,

W.J. DIXON
U.S. COORDINATOR, TOPIC 4

CC: D. D. AUFENKAMP
B. I. RAMEYEV
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